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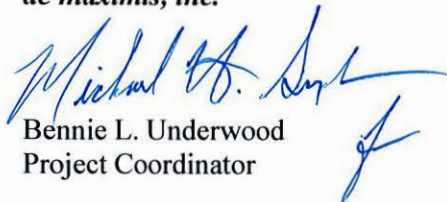
**Reference: Gary Development Landfill Superfund Site, Gary, Indiana
Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for the Remedial
Investigation/Feasibility Study,
CERCLA Docket No. V-W-14-C-004
October 2018 Monthly Progress Report #054**

Dear Ms. Blake:

In fulfillment of the requirements of Section IX, Paragraph 32, of the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study, CERCLA Docket No. V-W-14-C-004, the Respondents are submitting the October 2018 monthly progress report.

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact Mr. Mike Samples, or me, at (865) 691-5052.

Sincerely,
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MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT - #054

PROJECT NAME: Gary Development Landfill Superfund Site

PERIOD COVERED: October 2018

A. ACTIONS TAKEN TOWARD COMPLIANCE WITH THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

- With a letter dated October 3, 2018, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) provided the Gary Development Landfill Site PRP Group (Respondents) with comments on the Addendum to the Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP Addendum) for Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) sampling. A revised QAPP Addendum was submitted to EPA on October 23, 2018 for approval. In addition, to aid in EPA's review of the revised QAPP Addendum, specific responses to EPA's comments were also provided.
- With a letter dated October 11, 2018, EPA provided comments on the revised Remedial Investigation (RI) Report, dated July 5, 2018. Under a cover letter dated October 26, 2018, the Respondents provided EPA with a response to EPA's comments. In follow-up, EPA issued correspondence requesting that the Respondents cite where in the Administrative Record the Respondents had determined that the river is more likely the source for contamination in the southern wetlands. In response the Respondents clarified that they do not discount the landfill as a potential source of impacts, but that the river is also a probable source based on historical data and the recent RI activities, and as requested, provided reference to prior Site related documents. In conclusion, EPA documented in a letter dated November 2, 2018 that the Respondents proposed RI Report language was not acceptable, and must state that both the landfill and the river are potential sources of impacts to the wetlands.
- In correspondence dated October 12, 2018, EPA notified the Respondents that the Administrative Warrant providing for Site access had expired, and that all personnel shall refrain from being on-Site until an extension of the warrant is secured by EPA.

B. SAMPLING AND TESTING ACTIONS AND RESULTS

- None.

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C/D. WORK PLANNED FOR NEXT TWO MONTHS AND SCHEDULE OF SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES / DELIVERABLES

- Provide EPA with the revised RI Report by November 12, 2018, and upon approval of the RI Report, initiate work on the feasibility study. The first step in the feasibility study will be developing updated preliminary remedial action objectives.
- Receive EPA approval of the revised QAPP Addendum, dated October 23, 2018. Upon EPA approval of the revised QAPP Addendum, and contingent on Site access, schedule the PFAS sampling field event.

E. CHANGES IN RI/FS WORK PLANS OR ACTIVITIES

- Pursuant to EPA's request, the Respondents have agreed to sample groundwater for PFAS compounds. This activity will be scheduled once EPA approval of the QAPP Addendum is received, and contingent upon Site access being re-established.

F. ENCOUNTERED / ANTICIPATED DELAYS

- None.

G. COMMUNITY RELATIONS ACTIVITIES

- None.